

tion holds in Mexico and the Central American states. On this continent, then, in the aggregate, there is no market for our manufacturers of at least \$500,000,000. In no instance, save perhaps that of Canada, are any of the nations included in this survey manufacturing nations, and therefore they would not compete with our domestic manufactures. They will take our manufactured products if only we will take from them their raw materials. This our tariff forbids. We refuse the cheap raw materials which would enable us, through low cost of production, to monopolize these markets and we make no attempt to secure that extension of the sale of our commodities which would enable our manufacturers to run to their fullest capacity the year round. Was ever a commercial policy more narrow or suicidal?

Of course the effect of over production is the stoppage of factories and shops and mills. Wages are reduced or cut off, and financial distress overtakes vast bodies of working people, while the most serious social disturbances result therefrom. But it is the intimate connection between the tariff and protection to which this tariff especially calls attention. It is stated and conclusively demonstrated that the Republican high protective taxation on raw materials deprives American manufacturers of markets worth \$500,000,000 annually. These markets of right belong to them, and were it not for outrageous protection they would be commanded by the manufacturers of the United States. The tariff, therefore, would be quite an impossibility.

The New York Sun says Jay Gould is now the most determined adversary of the striking operators. The Evening Post reports: "We do not propose to recognize any committee of the brotherhood, and if the employees of the company persist in their present action they will not get a cent. They have already made fools of themselves, and they will realize it before long." He said the same in substance to the Advertiser reporter. To the Graphic he said: "The operators are a hot-headed lot of fools, who do not look ahead and see the consequences of their rashness, and they will be made to suffer." Cyrus W. Field and other directors of the Western Union are not less emphatic in their expressions.

THINKING people, says the Baltimore Herald, are beginning to attribute the general dissatisfaction among the working classes, as well as the recent simultaneous strikes, to the influence of the tariff. As each succeeding corps of strikers seemed to lean, and that was Senator Dorsey. Garfield received the plainest kind of talk from him, and seemed to be "in the mood" to be protected. He could trust Dorsey through and through. Two days before his inauguration, Garfield told Dorsey that he saw no opening for New York except the appointment of Mr. J. P. Morgan.

It has been demonstrated that a tax of thirty cents on the hundred dollars of valuation is enough to pay the expenses of the government, run the public schools, and to pay for the schools, where economy is practiced, five or six months in each year. Why, then, are the people asked to warrant a tax of sixty cents for the same purposes, when there is enough surplus money now in the state vaults to pay all the expenses of the state and the schools for one year.

TO CHANGE a constitution by means of a special election should be prohibited. At the last election held to vote on proposed constitutional amendments, not more than one-third of the voters of the state went to the polls, and it is not to be expected that a majority of the people would be present at a special election. How absurd it is to have one-third of the people decide questions that should be submitted only when the fullest popular expression may be obtained.

BEYOND much of a doubt Asiatic cholera has made its appearance at London. It will be remembered that ten days ago a case was reported there on a ship which had come through the Suez canal, and now the story is repeated but denied. With constant communication between England and the East, and the fact that it has not already been brought to England, it will soon be there. Then it is but a step to America.

ENTERPRISING YACKEES, of New England, have been carrying on a slave trade, and it will be Southern states and Cuba ever since the war. The New Englanders imported Africans into this country and sold them to the Southern slave-owners; and New Englanders were the first to express horror at the institution which they had established and which they grew rich.

The ostrich farm near Costa, Los Angeles county, Cal., is attracting crowds of curious visitors. The specimens thus far have been successful. The birds are being fattened and have already been plucked of 700 worth of feathers. It is stated that 125 ostriches are soon to be shipped from Buenos Ayres to New Orleans, to be distributed through the Southern states and territories.

THE UNITED STATES is now the largest holder of gold in the world. It has \$198,000,000 in bank. The next largest gold owner is the Bank of France, whose latest report shows in the vaults \$193,750,000. So the United States has in excess of the Bank of France gold the amount of \$4,250,000. It happens at the same time that our credit in the money market is higher than that of England.

TOUCHING the order issued by the president of the Western Union telegraph company, to "subject to order and to mailing en route if necessary," it is questioned whether the company has any right to impose such a condition, and if it can exempt itself from legal liability so doing.

IT IS suggested that the American riflemen might now come home and wage war against the English sparrows.

IN THE death of Montgomery Blair another prominent figure in the political history is removed.

GRIP UP your loins for a fight on the 14th of August against unbecomingly and oppressive taxation.

THINKING with constitutions is a dangerous thing.

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